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**RE: 99P-1340/CP 1 Petition to have Eternity eau de parfum
"Misbranded"**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21 CFR Section 740.1, 21 CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21 CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21 CFR Section 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel:

"Warning-- The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging. We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as "Eternity" so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing. They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in any setting and are surprised when people complain. I have Multiple Chemical Sensitivities and when I am exposed to fragrance products, such as "Eternity", I experience dizziness, weakness, light headedness, headaches and short term memory loss. Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, at school and in social settings. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Because of this, toxic chemicals have already ruined countless lives. Thank you.

By the way, I am a Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor who has been around people with disabilities since my childhood when I had a relative who was a hospital chaplain. This life experience has shown me that PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED WANT TO WORK AND ARE NOT SLACKERS NOR MALINGERERS BUT MUST BE GIVEN SAFEGUARDS BY GOV'T ENTITIES LIKE FDA SO THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF DISABLED ADULTS- ABOUT 70% CAN BE LOWERED BY SANE GOV'T ACTION. JUST DO THE RIGHT THING.

Sincerely, Joseph W. Lyons Quincy MA

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